



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On December 11, 2008, Caroline Domanski, 63, of Omaha, pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, accepted the plea in United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Caroline Domanski, Vice President of Accounting at First Nebraska Educators and Employees Group Credit Union (FNEEG) was suspected of stealing cash that was obtained on behalf of the credit union from Wells Fargo bank or, in other instances, by simply taking money from the credit union vault. A CPA firm employed to investigate the matter was able to substantiate the embezzlement of \$1.3 million from the credit union. The investigation revealed that Domanski made cash withdrawals and misappropriated the money for her own personal use and then concealed the thefts through fraudulent accounting entries.

Representatives of the CPA firm interviewed Domanski and she admitted to spending the cash that she stole from FNEEG and concealing the theft through accounting entries she explained in detail. Domanski stated that cash not spent by her was deposited into her credit union accounts at the pace of \$1,500.00 to \$2000.00 per month. She also admitted to withdrawing cash from Wells Fargo in \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 increments. Domanski indicated that this pattern of cash misappropriation had been taking place for 7-10 years, but she stated she was not sure of the exact starting date. Sentencing is set for March 6, 2009.

**Name of Defendant:** Caroline Domanski

**AKA:**

**Age:** 63

**City of residence:** Omaha

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):** Bank Fraud, not more than 30 years, \$1,000,000 fine 5 year term of supervised release and \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha

**Location of Arrest:** n/a

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** \$1.3 million

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** On or about July 13, 1993 through May 2, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:**

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** July 16, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** August 16, 2008

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Pled on December 11, 2008

**Sentencing Date:** March 6, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Sentencing, March 6, 2009

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:**

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Joseph F. Bataillon

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